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Your Comments: Since 2011 I have led hundreds of people in a ritual overlooking the Willamette River entitled, "The River's Lament." In this ritual people regularly weep hearing the almost-unending litany of toxins found in the water, groundwater, soil and sediment. The EPA's proposal is shockingly insufficient to deal with the real present and long-term damage being done to groundwater and human communities and everything in between.

The many inadequacies include that future upriver/upland source pollution is not adequately addressed, controlled or eliminated. It appears to me that the recommendation of the EPA is both short-sighted and "cost-effective" only because the industries responsible for the majority of the pollution are not being even reasonably held to account. If our home oil tank leaks on my property, I am 100% responsible for its clean up. I can't choose to clean up only 8% of it because I don't want to pay for it. There is no justifiable reason the same logic is not true for polluters of our public trust, our sacred water. If other plans were eliminated because they were too expensive (i.e. the polluting industries refused to pay their share of the clean-up) then more work simply must be done to negotiate with the industries about how they can together pay the full bill. The people, land and creatures of the Willamette River watershed - past, present and future - have already paid more than their fair share of the price for the toxins. We need a comprehensive plan for the full restoration of the health of the river – a plan supported by both community and tribes, a complete plan regardless of monetary cost, and a plan with accountability for the cost placed precisely where it belongs.